

CAPSULE SUMMARY**CT-394****Lenora Mackey House****6135 Mill Branch Road****Huntingtown, Calvert County****Circa 1895****Private**

The historic house at 6135 Mill Branch Road, constructed circa 1895, is representative of a late-19th-century rural residence in Calvert County. Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. Between 1890 and 1900, Calvert County more than doubled its tobacco production and had risen accordingly to the third largest tobacco producing county in the state. Accordingly, there was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and associated domestic farmhouses during this period. The house at 6135 Mill Branch Road adopts the conventional form of rural residences built during the 1890s, and exhibits such late-Victorian-era elements as the arched gable window on the façade, pressed metal sheathing on the roof, and diamond-shaped, wood shingles in the gable ends.

The house is a two-story, wood-frame dwelling clad in asbestos shingles with a cross-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. The building rests on a solid concrete-block foundation periodically pierced by three-light windows and has a two-story, rear ell projecting from the rear. The five-bay façade is defined by a central open gable with a two-light, round-arched window and diamond-shaped, wood shingles in the tympanum, 2/2 wood-sash windows flanked by simulated shutters, a molded wood cornice, and an enclosed, one-story, half-hip-roof porch with 1/1 aluminum sash and 2/2 wood-sash windows. The house has enclosed, one-story porches on the north, west, and south elevations. Associated with the property are a historic well and two historic sheds, now in ruins.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-394

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Lenora Mackey House

other

2. Location

street and number 6135 Mill Branch Road not for publication

city, town Huntingtown vicinity

county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hazel E. Paddy et al

street and number 6135 Mill Branch Road telephone Unknown

city, town Huntingtown state MD zip code 20639

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 14:36

city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB203 folio 357

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> defense <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> funerary <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> health care <input type="checkbox"/> industry	<div> Contributing 3 1 4 </div> <div> Noncontributing 1 1 1 </div> <div> buildings sites structures objects Total </div>
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture <input type="checkbox"/> religion <input type="checkbox"/> social <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use <input type="checkbox"/> other:	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located in a rural agricultural area of Calvert County, Maryland, the circa 1895 dwelling at 6135 Mill Branch Road is a two-story, wood-frame dwelling with a two-story ell clad in asbestos shingles. It has a cross-gable roof and a solid concrete-block foundation. The house has enclosed one-story porches on the north, west, and south elevations. Associated with the property is a historic well and two historic sheds, now in ruins.

SETTING. The historic house is located on the east side of Mill Branch Road between Lower Marlboro Road (Route 262) and Smoky Road, and is roughly equidistant from Lower Marlboro, Sunderland and Huntingtown. The house faces onto Mill Branch Road and is located a short distance back from it on a grassy knoll. Directly to the north, west and south of the house are modern subdivisions along Paddy Court, Wild Turkey Trail, and Wood Duck Way. The house is accessed by a tree-lined gravel driveway that approached the house from the northwest. Mature trees and shrubs which appear to date to the 20th century are scattered about the lot and along the foundation of the house. East and southeast of the house is a wooded area. A chain link fence encloses a portion of the back yard of the property. To the southwest of the house is a low concrete retaining wall.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. The house is a two-story wood-frame dwelling clad in asbestos shingles with a cross-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. The building rests on a solid concrete-block foundation periodically pierced by three-light windows and has a two-story, rear ell projecting from the rear. The five-bay façade is defined by a central open gable with a two-light, round-arched window and diamond-shaped, wood shingles in the tympanum, 2/2 wood-sash windows flanked by simulated shutters, a molded wood cornice, and an enclosed, one-story, half-hip-roof porch with 1/1 aluminum sash and 2/2 wood-sash windows. The central entry is recessed within the enclosed porch and features a one-light transom and sidelights filled with textured glass dating to the mid-20th century.

The one-story, enclosed, front porch wraps around the north elevation of the dwelling. At the east end of the porch is a one-story addition with a 2/2 wood-sash window and a solid concrete-block foundation. This addition projects several feet beyond the east elevation of the ell. The south elevation of the ell also features a one-story, enclosed porch with one-story, single-cell addition which projects beyond the east elevation of the ell. Other notable features of the dwelling include projecting closed gables on the side elevations with diamond-shaped wood shingles in the tympanum, brick chimneys with corbeled caps at each of the three gable ends, and a slightly projecting molded wood cornice with a blank frieze.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. To the east and southeast of the dwelling are several associated buildings and structures. East of the house but within the fenced-in area is a well with a concrete cap, circa 1940, and a metal spicket. Northeast of the well and outside the fence is a one-story, prefabricated, wood-frame shed, circa 1990. The shed is clad in plywood simulating vertical board and has a gambrel roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. Southeast of these buildings and surrounded by trees are two additional one-story, wood-frame outbuildings, both in ruinous condition. These two sheds appear to date to the first half of the 20th century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1895

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1895

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The historic house at 6135 Mill Branch Road, constructed circa 1895, is representative of a late-19th-century rural residence in Calvert County.

Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. At the time of the 1890 federal census, Calvert County was the smallest county in the state of Maryland both in land area and population, but fifth in annual tobacco production behind a number of significantly larger, wealthier and more populous counties. Just ten years later in 1900, Calvert County had more than doubled its tobacco production and had risen to the third largest tobacco producing county in the state behind nearby Charles and Prince George's Counties.

Accordingly, there was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and associated domestic farmhouses during this period. Dwellings built during this period were largely two-story, wood-frame buildings three or five bays in width, with a center hall or side hall plan. Most had a side-gable roof or a cross-gable roof with a central front gable, a one-story full-width or wrap-around front porch with turned posts, and a two-story rear ell. Stylistically, they featured such late Victorian era or Queen Anne stylistic elements as lancet or round-arched windows, polygonal bays, fishscale shingles in the gable ends, turned porch posts and sawn brackets. These elements are particularly common in houses built during the late 19th century. By the first decade of the 20th century, houses exhibit less of these flamboyant decorative elements and favor a more simplified architectural expression. Interiors were heated by wood-burning stoves vented through narrow, square, brick chimneys.

Constructed circa 1895, the house at 6135 Mill Branch Road adopts the conventional form of rural residences built during the period, and exhibits such late-Victorian-era elements as the arched gable window on the façade, pressed metal sheathing on the roof, and wood diamond-shaped shingles in the gable ends. Although the setting of the dwelling has been radically altered in the past ten years, the house remains an intact example of a common residential building form in Calvert County during the late-19th and early 20th centuries.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.04 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 6135 Mill Branch Road in Huntingtown, Calvert County, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 14, Parcel 36 since its construction in the late 19th century. The current deed to the property is found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book JLB 203, Page 357.

11. Form Prepared By

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Continuation Sheet

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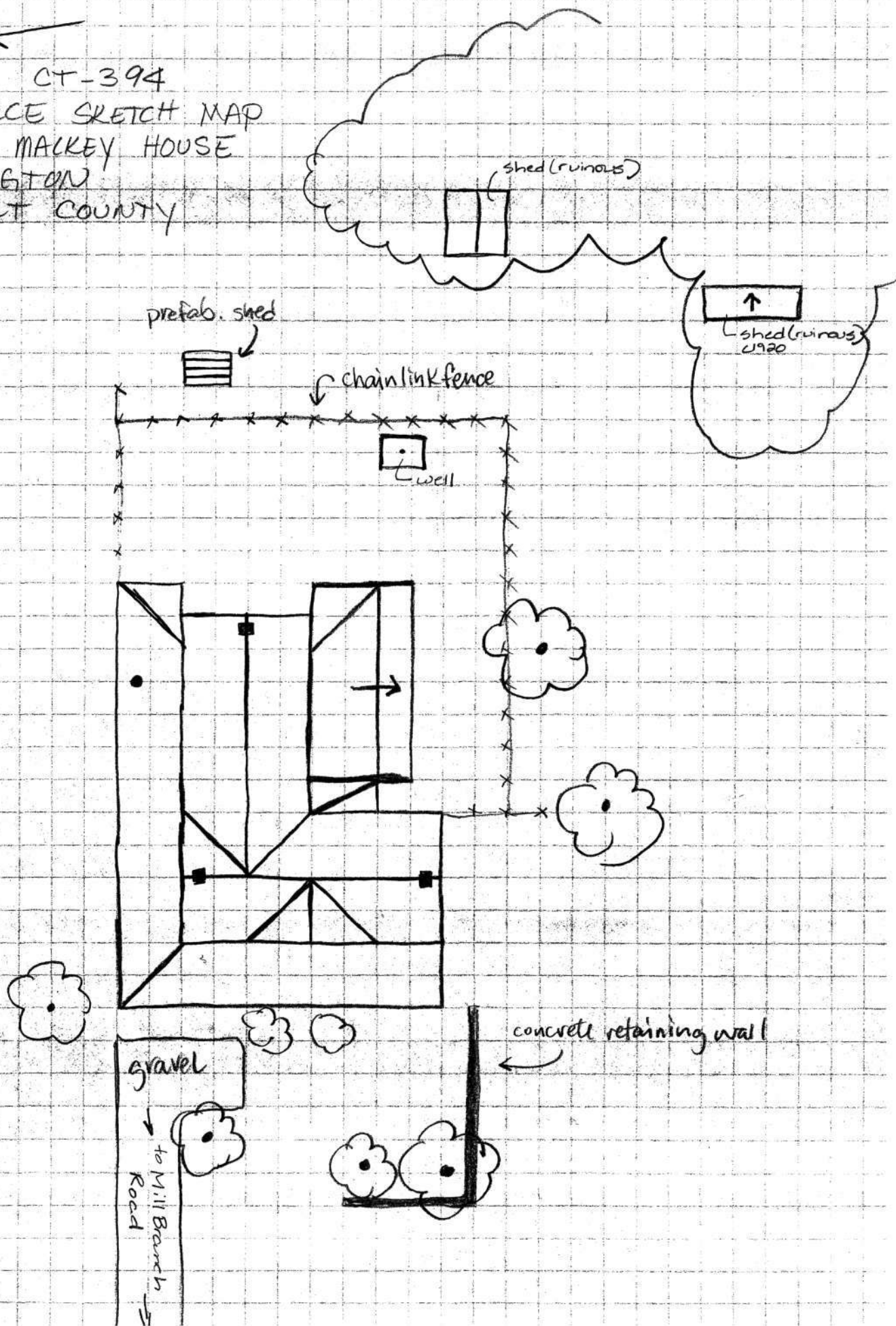
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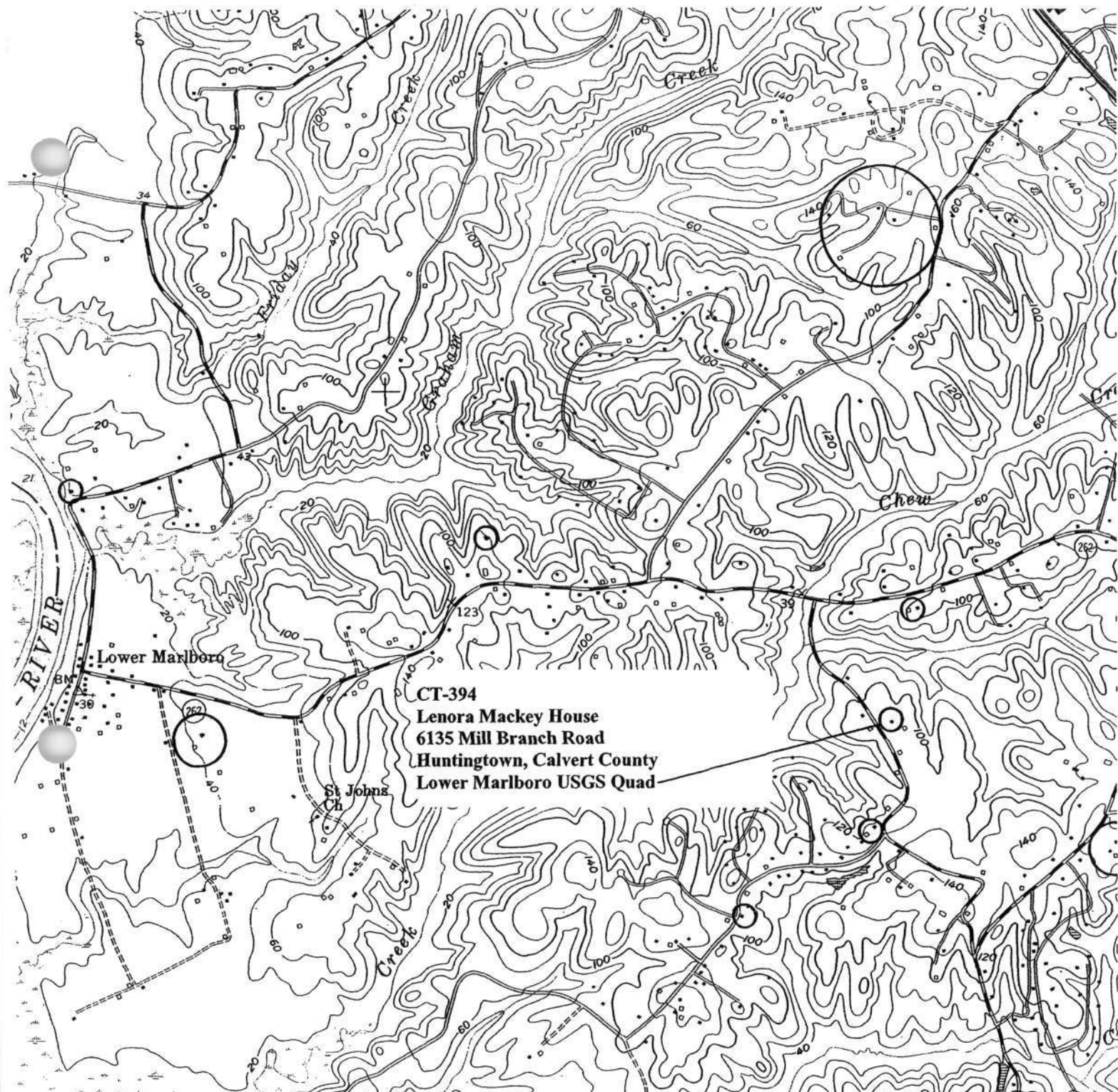
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
LENORA MACKEY HOUSE
HUNTINGTON
CALVERT COUNTY





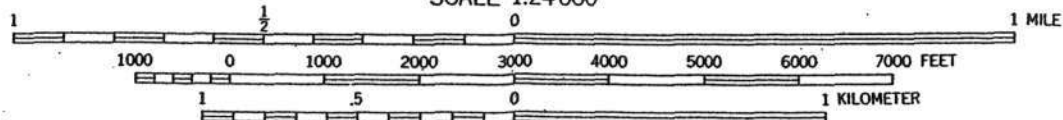
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SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL "20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
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LENORA MACKEY HOUSE

6135 MILL BRANCH ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NW CORNER

1 OF 3



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TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION
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6135 MILL BRANCH ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SW CORNER

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Late 19th century

Lenora Mackey House
Lower Marlboro
Private

This two-story frame house measures five-bays wide by one-bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section. 2/2 sash windows light the dwelling. The structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding and has decorative "fish scale" shingles.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lenora Mackey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Branch Road

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lenora Mackey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Branch Road

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20639

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street (MD 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story frame house measures five bays wide by one bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section. 2/2 sash windows light the dwelling.

The structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding and has decorative "fish scale shingles" in the gables. Cornice moldings continue across the gables and suggest pent roofs. In the cross gable is a small two light window with an arched top.

Across the entire front elevation is a one story hipped roof porch which has been enclosed, obscuring a view of the original front entrance.

Brick chimneys are located inside the gable walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

Late 19th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical Calvert County farmhouse. Similar frame houses were built from c. 1875-1925. It is of no known historical significance.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

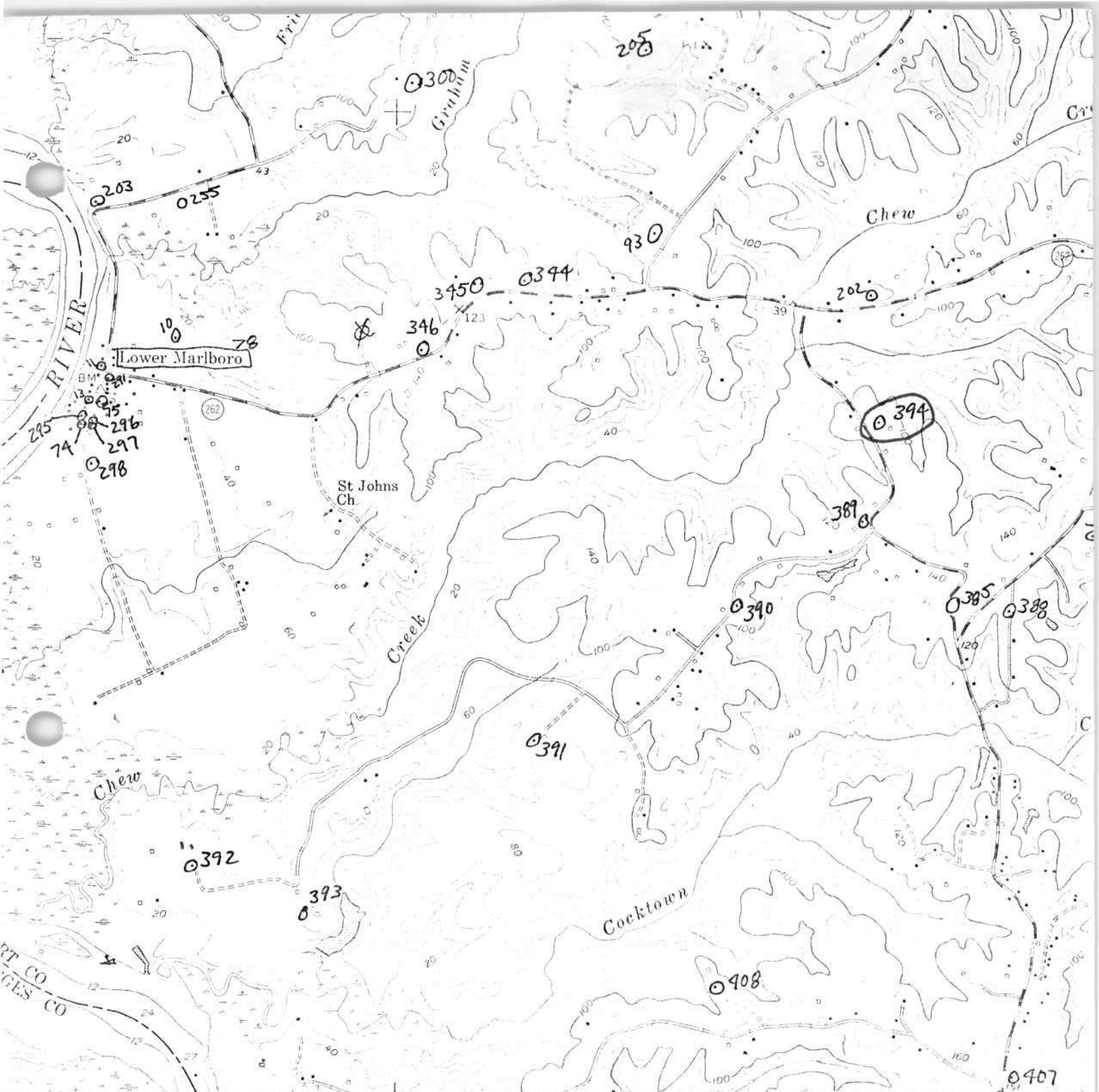
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STATE

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1 KILOMETRE

1 MILE

VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

LOW TIDE IS 2.5 FEET

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

QUADANGLE LOCATION

LOWER MARLBORO

N 3837.5 - W 7637.5

1953

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AMS 5661 II NW SERIES

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Medium-duty U. S. Route

Light-duty Unimproved State Route



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Lenora Mackey House

Calvert County

Merry Stinson 4/81

W & S elevation